

# Year 7 Catch-Up Funding 2017-18

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The Literacy and Numeracy Catch-Up Premium gives schools additional funding to support Year 7 students. Schools are asked to identify pupils who need extra support from the premium and can decide the best way to use it.

At Castle Donington College, we intend that this funding accelerates the progress of the students we identify, to support their attainment in reading and maths to improve in line with their peers.

## **How much Year 7 Catch-Up Premium is expected to be received for 2017-18 financial year?**

In 2017-2018, the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) will allocate funding to schools on the basis that they receive the same overall amount of Year 7 Catch-Up Funding that they received in 2016-2017. This will be adjusted to reflect the percentage change in the size of their Year 7 cohort, based on the October 2017 census. Funding for the 2017 to 2018 academic year will arrive on 1 March 2018.

Castle Donington College will receive a total of £15,465 for 2017-18

35 students did not meet the KS2 expected standard in Reading. 38 students did not reach the KS2 expected standard in Maths. 24 Students did not reach the KS2 expected standard in Reading and Maths in 2017

## **How does Castle Donington College intend to spend the funding 2017-18?**

This funding will be used to facilitate intervention in the following ways, during the academic year 2017-8:

- **Increased small group support** for pupils in English and Maths
- Introduction of **cross curricular Literacy and Numeracy strategies** including staff training
- Promotion of **Paired Reading and Maths programme**
- **Support materials and resources** for students to work with parents
- Enhanced provision for **Springboard** to provide additional help in English and Maths
- Enhanced focus / liaison during **Primary Transition and Induction** programmes 2018

## **How did Castle Donington College spend the Year 7 Catch-Up Premium in the last financial year (2016-17)?**

KS2 SATs results May 2016 revealed 44 students did not achieve the KS2 Expected Standard in Maths. 49 students did not achieve the KS2 Expected Standard in Reading. 35 students did not achieve the expected standard in Reading and Maths. Castle Donington College received a total of £12,398 for 58 eligible pupils for 2016-17. This funding was allocated in the following ways;

### **1. Small group support (£4,500) Enhanced Staffing**

In Year 7, the lower ability sets had additional LSAs, and were smaller in size which brings with it a cost for staff to pupil ratios.

## **2. Enhanced Staffing (£6,200)**

Additional staff time was created and staff were deployed to help intervene with lower ability pupils, during both registration and lesson time. Both the English and Maths Departments used this support for Year 7 in particular. Designated classroom space was made available for small group withdrawal and through our Springboard provision. Pupils were tracked as a distinct group, results were monitored closely with appropriate intervention strategies agreed and reviewed at fortnightly Line Management meetings.

**Impact:** the extra capacity to intervene with these pupils on a small group basis, enabled focused and timely support to help students access the curriculum and for some to make accelerated progress. This had a positive impact in terms of progress in reading and Maths which allowed students to access the wider curriculum.

## **3. Summer Term Y6 Support (£1,500)**

The continuation of support/intervention for Y6 pupils transition activities, particularly aimed at the lower ability pupils.

**Impact:** this ensured continuity of teaching and a smooth transition for the pupils, to help to accelerate their progress in both reading and Maths.

### **Maths**

- 36 students (82%) met or exceeded Grade 1 by the end of Year 7 (Summer 2017) Grade 1 at Castle Donington College is equivalent to KS2 'At the Expected Standard'
- 25 students (57%) achieved Grade 2 at the end of Year 7 (Summer 2017) and are performing in line with their peers

### **Reading**

- 45 students (92%) met or exceeded Grade 1 by the end of Year 7 (Summer 2017) Grade 1 at Castle Donington College is equivalent to KS2 'At the Expected Standard'
- 22 students (45%) achieved Grade 2 at the end of Year 7 ( Summer 2017) and are performing in line with their peers.

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